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Title : DNA Probes, Method and Kit for Identifying Antibiotic-Resistant Strains of Bacteria

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated March 4, 2010.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.